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REMARKS

Claims 9-18 and 22-29 have been canceled. Claims 3, 7, and 8 have been amended to make minor clarifications. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring election of one of two different claim groupings. Applicant's undersigned representative elects without traverse Examiner's Group I, comprising of claims 1-8 and 19-21, for prosecution in the present application. The claims of Group II have been canceled. This election is in no way an admission of the Examiner's characterizations of the claims.

Early consideration and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested.

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